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To: Service List (via email)

Re: **Notice and Agenda for Status Conference on October 21, 2020 – Docket No. 2019-0323, In re Public Utilities Commission**, Instituting a Proceeding to Investigate Distributed Energy Resource Policies.

**DER Program Track Status Conference**

In accordance with Order No. 37327, the Commission will virtually convene a Status Conference on **Wednesday, October 21, 2020 from 10:00 AM – 3:10 PM**. Pursuant to Order No. 37327, the topics to be covered in the Status Conference will include the following:

- (1) Update on the DER Parties' access to RESOLVE;
- (2) The Companies' Status Update on Process Improvement for Six-Month Plan to Expand Interconnections;
- (3) DER Parties' suggested near-term steps; and
- (4) Selected outstanding considerations in the DER Program Track.

Parties are requested to prepare presentations for the Status Conference and shall file presentations in the Docket no later than **Monday, October 19, 2020**.

The Status Conference is an opportunity for the Parties to provide the Commission with updated information regarding the progression of the DER Program Track. The Commission acknowledges that the Parties bring varying perspectives and frameworks that may not be immediately reconcilable. However, the Commission implores the Parties to maximize the opportunity for real-time constructive discussion, and solutions sourcing presented by this Status Conference and other Commission convened conferences so that the resulting proposals address the critical considerations and objectives identified in Order No. 37066.

The Commission reiterates that the final proposals in the DER Program Track are expected to suggest "long-term DER programs to supplement the Net Energy Metering program and facilitate the transition from various interim DER tariff options currently in place."<sup>1</sup> Further, the Commission reminds the Parties that final proposals should be "comprehensive and include the necessary

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<sup>1</sup>Order No. 3232, "Establishing Procedural Details for the DER Program Track," filed September 28, 2020 ("Order No. 32327"), p. 6-7.

support for implementation, including consideration of draft tariff language.”<sup>2</sup> It is with this end in mind that the Status Conference will proceed as follows:

Tentative Agenda for DER Program Track Status Conference

10:00 – 10:05 Welcome

10:05 – 10:50 Update on progress related to the Commission’s grant of RESOLVE access and potential schedule impacts.

- a. DER Parties’ Presentation (15 minutes)- The DER Parties’ presentation shall at a minimum, provide answers to the following:
  1. What date has been determined for when RESOLVE access will be granted?
  2. When will DER Parties’ inputs and assumptions be shared with the Commission and the Consumer Advocate?
  3. What timeline do Parties suggest for Commission and Consumer Advocate review and response?
  4. When do the DER Parties plan to have RESOLVE outputs available?
- b. Opportunity for the Companies and the Consumer Advocate to respond (15 minutes)
- c. Procedural Schedule Discussion (15 minutes) - If the Parties submit separate proposals for amending the DER Program Track procedural schedule, the Commission staff will lead a discussion addressing the differences and the information presented by the Parties.

10:50 – 11:00 BREAK

11:00 – 12:00 Presentations on the Companies’ suggestion to consider interconnection expansion in the program track.

- a. The Companies’ presentation should at a minimum address (15 minutes):
  1. The Companies’ reasoning for suggesting a “programmatic” approach to addressing interconnection expansion;
  2. The Companies’ recommendation in response to its own inquiry: “how to define success for “rapid expansion” of interconnections”; and
  3. Explanation of how the rooftop rental program is responsive to the interconnection expansion request of the DER Parties

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<sup>2</sup>Order No. 32327 at 7.

- b. DER Parties' presentation should at a minimum address their responses to (15 minutes):
  - 1. The Companies' "programmatic approach" to addressing interconnection concerns;
  - 2. The Companies' six-month pilot program suggestion; and
  - 3. How the Companies' Rooftop rental program is responsive to the DER Parties' interconnection expansion request
- c. Consumer Advocate's presentation should at a minimum address its response to (15 minutes):
  - 1. The Companies' "programmatic approach" to addressing interconnection concerns;
  - 2. The Companies' six-month pilot program suggestion; and
  - 3. How the Companies' Rooftop rental program is responsive to the DER Parties' interconnection expansion request
- d. Commission staff will lead a discussion based on presentations (15 minutes)

12:00 – 1:00 LUNCH

1:00 – 1:50 Presentations on the DER Parties' specific proposals (i.e. "near-term" actions suggested by the DER Parties' in their Program proposal updates).

- a. Presentation from CA and The Companies (15 minutes each) which shall at a minimum respond to each of the topics identified below. Each Parties' response, in relation to the identified topic, shall at a minimum address whether the proposal is reasonable and implementable (and if so, please provide a suggested timeframe for implementation). If the proposal is not reasonable or implementable, Parties should provide a suggested alternative to address the underlying concern or explanation, or if the concern need not be addressed, please explain why.
  - 1. Initiation of grid services program "pathway"
  - 2. Discontinue requirement for second meters in favor of equipment for emergency curtailment
  - 3. Invite Hawaii Energy to inform LMI options for customers
- b. DER Parties' presentation (20 minutes)
  - 1. Regarding the second meter discontinuation suggestion:
    - a. DER Parties, please clarify whether the IEEE 1547-2018 standard meets this functionality & when this standard will apply to new systems
  - 2. Regarding allowing DER compensation beyond bill credits tied to customers' own load:
    - a. Please clarify the scope of this proposal

1:50 -2:00 Q&A and brief discussion

2:00 – 2:10 BREAK

2:10 – 3:00 Other items, brief presentations and opportunities for questions and answers

- a. Each Party shall present for no more than 5 minutes on the following topics:
  1. Response to DER Parties' comments about Utility ownership proposals
  2. Parties' responses to: HECO's proposed Application fee for the CIT
    - a. Discussion (10 minutes)
- b. Each Party shall present for no more than 5 minutes on the following topics:
  1. HECO's notes on its Load Build program (from the most recent update) as a suitable enrollment option for DER customers to avoid the need for curtailment
  2. Program Evaluation Tool/Cost-Effectiveness Methodology
  3. Specific and outstanding data needs in Program Track
    - a. Discussion (10 minutes)

3:00 – 3:10 Commission Closing Comments

The Status Conference will be facilitated by Commission staff and information for joining the Status Conference can be found at:

<https://puc.hawaii.gov/energy/der/>

Questions regarding the Status Conference should be directed to Rachel James at [rachel.m.james@hawaii.gov](mailto:rachel.m.james@hawaii.gov).

Sincerely,

  
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